

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2010
HOPE TOWN OFFICE
6:30 P.M.**

Note: These minutes may not be considered an official public record until such time as they are read and accepted by the Board of Selectmen.

Board Members Present: Mike Ames, Tim Pearse, Eric Campbell, Barbara Bentley
Kathleen Hastings

Others Present: Jon Duke, Florance Merrifield, Alex Ludwig, Tim Higbee

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Barbara Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Mike Ames made a motion to enter Executive Session for a discussion of potential disposition of town owned property. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

II. Executive Session

a. Discussion of Potential Disposition of Town Owned Property

Tim Pearse made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the July 27th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Tim Pearse moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 3-0 (Bentley absent)**

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Tuesday, August 24th at 6:30PM at the Town Office.
- South Hope Cell Tower Informational Meeting is Tuesday, August 31st at 7PM at the Hope Elementary School

IV. Town Administrator's Report

- The Town of Camden's proposal to place a wind power farm on Ragged Mountain is gaining steam, and the Camden Selectboard will likely take up the issue of creating a committee with members from Rockport, Camden and Hope to oversee the proposal. To this point, the Town of Hope has yet to be formally asked to participate in the process, but this invitation should come about shortly.
- The new workstations for the office have been placed on order and should be received in the next week.

- The lien placed on the excavator owned by Bruce Melanson and Leslie Robinson unfortunately will not allow the town to receive the proceeds from a sale at the state surplus auction due to an action approved by the court overseeing the seizure of Mr. Melanson's property. The Town will continue to pursue payment on the outstanding sum of personal property taxes owed by Mr. Melanson and Ms. Robinson.

V. Unfinished Business

a. Road Paving Plan

Tim Pearse made a motion pave the entire length of Robbins Road, the entire length of Gurney Hill Road, the entire length of High Street (at a total thickness of 2 inches), to remove 2 inches of pavement along a 300' section around the sharp corner on Gillette Road, and to repave that corner at an amount not to exceed \$145,350 which will require a carryover from FY 2010's Roads budget in the amount of \$34,550. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VI. New Business

a. Harts Mill Road – Route 17 Intersection Memorial Petition

Florance Merrifield circulated a petition asking the Maine DOT to not alter the Route 17 – Harts Mill Road intersection such that it would cause the veterans memorial to be moved from its current location. Florance received 103 signatures supporting this cause. Jon Duke explained that the Town had yet to receive any information from the state regarding this proposal since discussion regarding this first arose last fall when residents of Harts Mill Road asked the Board to forward this concern to Maine DOT.

Tim Pearse made a motion to send a letter from the Town to endorse the idea of not moving the veterans' memorial monument to alter the intersection to address safety concerns. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

b. Former Hope Corner Fire Station Purchase and Sale Agreement Signing

Tim Pearse made a motion to sign the former Hope Corner Fire Station purchase and sale agreement as presented. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

c. Committee Appointments

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to appoint Doug Merrill to the Roads Committee. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion approved 5-0.**

d. Approval of Warrants

Eric Campbell moved, and Kathleen Hastings seconded, a motion to approve warrants 10-11. **Motion approved 5-0.**

VII. Adjournment

Kathleen Hastings moved to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**